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## RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

With an extension of time under 37 CFR §1.136(a) hereby requested, the following is filed in timely response to the final Office action mailed April 15, 2010, wherein the Examiner:

1. Rejected Claims 1-4, 9-16, 21, 22, 27-38, 42-45, 47, and 51-61 under Section 102(e) as being anticipated by Hansen et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,672,865.
2. Withdrew the prior rejection of claims under Section 112, second paragraph.
3. Withdrew the prior rejection of claims under Section 102(b) as being anticipated by Quittkat, U.S. Patent No. 4,248,639.

The following remarks are submitted in response.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

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